

BUCKSPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 P.M., THURSDAY, MAY 6, 2010
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBER-BUCKSPORT TOWN OFFICE

1. Mayor Jeff Robinson called meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.
2. Members Present: Michael Ormsby, Byron Vinton, David Kee, Jeff Robinson, David Keene and Robert Howard. Member Absent: Brian Leeman.
3. Consider referring matter pertaining to setback requirements for buildings in the Rural District to the Ordinance Committee

It was motioned by Byron Vinton, seconded by Robert Howard and unanimously voted to refer matter pertaining to setback requirements for buildings in the Rural District to the Ordinance Committee.

4. Proceed to budget workshop pertaining to
 - a. Proposed RSU 25 budget for 2010-2011
 - Town Manager reviewed the 2010 RSU 25 Budget noting the total proposed amount is \$13,702,144, less the total EPS (Essential Programs & Services)\$11,282,734.34, less total other revenues \$192,000, less debt service for Bucksport \$16,449.11, Orland \$36,380.93, Prospect \$299.16, Verona Island \$270.80 leaving a local share (RSU #25 Assessment) of \$2,174,009.66 (Bucksport \$1,376,798.85; Orland \$522,068.71; Prospect \$144,362.49; \$130,779.61)
 - Town Manager also reviewed cost center categories noting most areas are above ESP budget levels with the exception of Regular Education.
 - Superintendent of Schools, James Boothby indicated that the school budget three years ago was at 16 million, last year at 14.6 million and this year being proposed at 13.6 million. Over 80% of the school systems in Maine are above EPS levels, and special education guidelines are set by the State. Superintendent, James Boothby reviewed cost center categories, reviewed positions being eliminated, for a total of 23.6 positions, along with savings on heating and energy cost.
 - Also, Mr. Boothby noted that the budget adoption would be held on Tuesday, May 11th at 5:30 PM at Bucksport Middle School, that the RSU #25 budget meeting would be held on Tuesday, May 25th at 7:00 PM at Bucksport Middle School and budget validation referendum on Tuesday, June 8th at the Jewett School Gymnasium from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

5. Discussion items

Councilor Byron Vinton noted other towns were acknowledging the new law for marijuana dispensaries and questioned whether the council should take a look at possible developing an ordinance.

Ordinance Committee meeting on Thursday, May 13th, 2010 at 6:00 PM at the Town Office.

6. Adjournment

It was motioned by Robert Howard, seconded by Byron Vinton and unanimously voted that the meeting be adjourned.
Meeting Adjourned at 9:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy L. Downes
Council Secretary